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X. *Extract from the Minutes of the Philosophical Society at Oxford, Feb. 8. 268 $\frac{3}{4}$ . concerning Rusma and Alcanna.*

**D**R. Plot shewed us some of the *Turkish Rusma* and *Alcanna*, which he lately received from Mr. *Smith*, Student of *Christ-Church*, and Chaplain to the Factory at *Smyrna*, who writes of the Use of the *Rusma* in manner following ; The black Earth, which seems as if it were burnt, must be beaten in an Iron or Marble Mortar to a fine Powder, and sifted diligently ; when you use it take One part of the said Powder, and Two Parts of unslack'd Lime, put these mixed together into a Linnen Rag, which infuse in warm Water the space of a Quarter of an Hour, or till it becomes of a Black Colour, then apply to the Place from whence you would take the Hair ; as soon as the Hair begins to be loose, the part must be wash'd with warm Water and Soap : Thus far of the *Rusma*. The *Alcanna* is the Leaf of a Plant dried and powdered, which when steeped a Night in Wine, will die the Nails Red.